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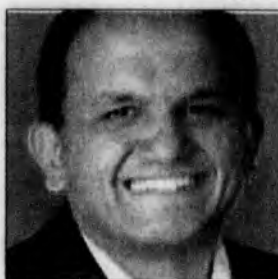
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The University honors 100  
of its 'most prominent'  
alumni at Centennial Gala

Story by **Becky Tener**  
Campus Editor

A doctor on "Grey's Anatomy," the first owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers, an Olympic gold medalist, the former ambassador of Israel, the founder of the buffet chain Golden Corral and a Grammy award-winning musician all have one common tie: they're all former Falcons and will be honored Saturday as part of the 100 Most Prominent Alumni.

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## Federal stimulus could leave hole in University budget

By **Gina Potthoff**  
Editor-in-chief

The University is determining how to fill a potential \$14 million gap left by federal stimulus dollars.

The state took away 15 percent of its usual funding for 2010-2011 and gave the University approximately \$25 million in federal stimulus dollars instead, said Sheri Stoll, chief financial officer.

This one-time gift might have temporarily balanced the budget, but Stoll doesn't expect the state to keep giving that gift when it unveils the 2012-2013 budget in February.

"We're certainly not going to sit and wait until that time to figure out how to respond," Stoll said. "We have to begin now. We've already begun discussions at the cabinet level."

While the University prepares for a 15 percent shortfall as a realistic best-case scenario, the state has done relatively no planning, said State Rep. Randy Gardner (R) from Bowling Green.

He said the state created a budget commission of three Republicans and three Democrats to examine higher education funding, but the group hasn't even met yet.

"A lot of the state budget has



**Sheri Stoll**  
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at the University

been balanced with this so-called free federal money," Gardner said. "If the federal money isn't replaced or other decisions aren't made ... there are certainly going to be some very difficult decisions ahead."

Though Ohio is not as bad off as Michigan, New Jersey or California, Gardner said because the state decided to inject more than \$700 million of its stimulus into higher education, schools will have to tackle big decisions in the next two years.

At this point, it's likely programs, functions or entire areas will have to be cut to make up the funding shortfall, Stoll said. Deans and cabinet members are determining what things they can do less of or what they can do without.

"We're to the point where [cuts] would probably have to be more significant," she said.

Generating revenue through retention efforts is another way to

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## Student orchestra ensemble Philharmonia crescendos toward last performance of year

By **Alissa Widman**  
Reporter

The Bowling Green Philharmonia, the University's premiere student orchestra ensemble, will end the semester on a high note.

The orchestra's final performance of the 2009-2010 season, titled "Paris," will take place Sunday at 3 p.m. in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center.

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Brown said the program will consist of Igor Stravinsky's "The

Rite of Spring" and Claude Debussy's "La Mer" (The Sea), pieces now regarded as two of the greatest orchestral works of the 20th century. "The Rite of Spring" is a ballet choreographed

with complex, irregular rhythmic structures, and "La Mer" is an energetic French impressionistic work that captures the different aspects of the sea in three shifting movements.

Brown said the pieces, especially "The Rite of Spring," are not typically performed by college-level orchestras because of their difficulty.

"This is the first time they will be performed here, so it's a special

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## ACT bestows midnight munchies from 'above'

Christian organization to provide community with free 'God Dogs' and 'Jesus Burgers'

By **Andrew Farr**  
Reporter

Tonight, Active Christians Today will hold their first food giveaway of the semester beginning at 11 p.m.

For the past 10 years, ACT has been holding cookouts where they serve their famed "Jesus Burgers" and "God Dogs" for free to pretty much anyone who wants to come to the ACT House.

The organization usually holds two Jesus Burger events at the beginning of the fall semester and two at the end of the spring semester.

Dave Warner, campus minister of ACT, said the group isn't trying to attract new members nor are they looking for donations. They simply do it as an act of kindness.

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## Vision hosts 'queer prom' to make everyone feel welcome

By **Nicole Celebrezze**  
Reporter

For a chance to join in the celebration of everyone's differences, students can attend the queer prom hosted by Vision tonight.

Vision is the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) student organization on campus.

Every year Vision has two weeks of "rainbow days" events, one week in the fall and one week in the spring.

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**PROM:** Poster advertises the 'Queer Prom: A Night at the Oscars' Friday night.

### CAMPUS

#### Show me your pair

Check out photos of Thursday's Texas Hold 'Em tournament in the Black Swamp Pub hosted by the University Activities Organization | **Page 3**

### FORUM

#### Shopping while surfing the net

Columnist Hannah Bealer writes about the trials and tribulations of obsessively shopping online and gives some pointers to make sure you don't become a dreaded 'shopaholic' | **Page 4**

### SPORTS

#### Prominent alumnus returns to campus

Crystal "Boo" Ellis, the first black basketball player at the University, shares his experiences about attending the University and playing for legendary coach Harold Anderson before speaking at tonight's Centennial Celebration | **Page 5**

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Who do you wish was a BG alum?



**DERK ANDERSON**  
Senior, Geology

"Christopher Walken, so he'd come here and visit." | **Page 4**



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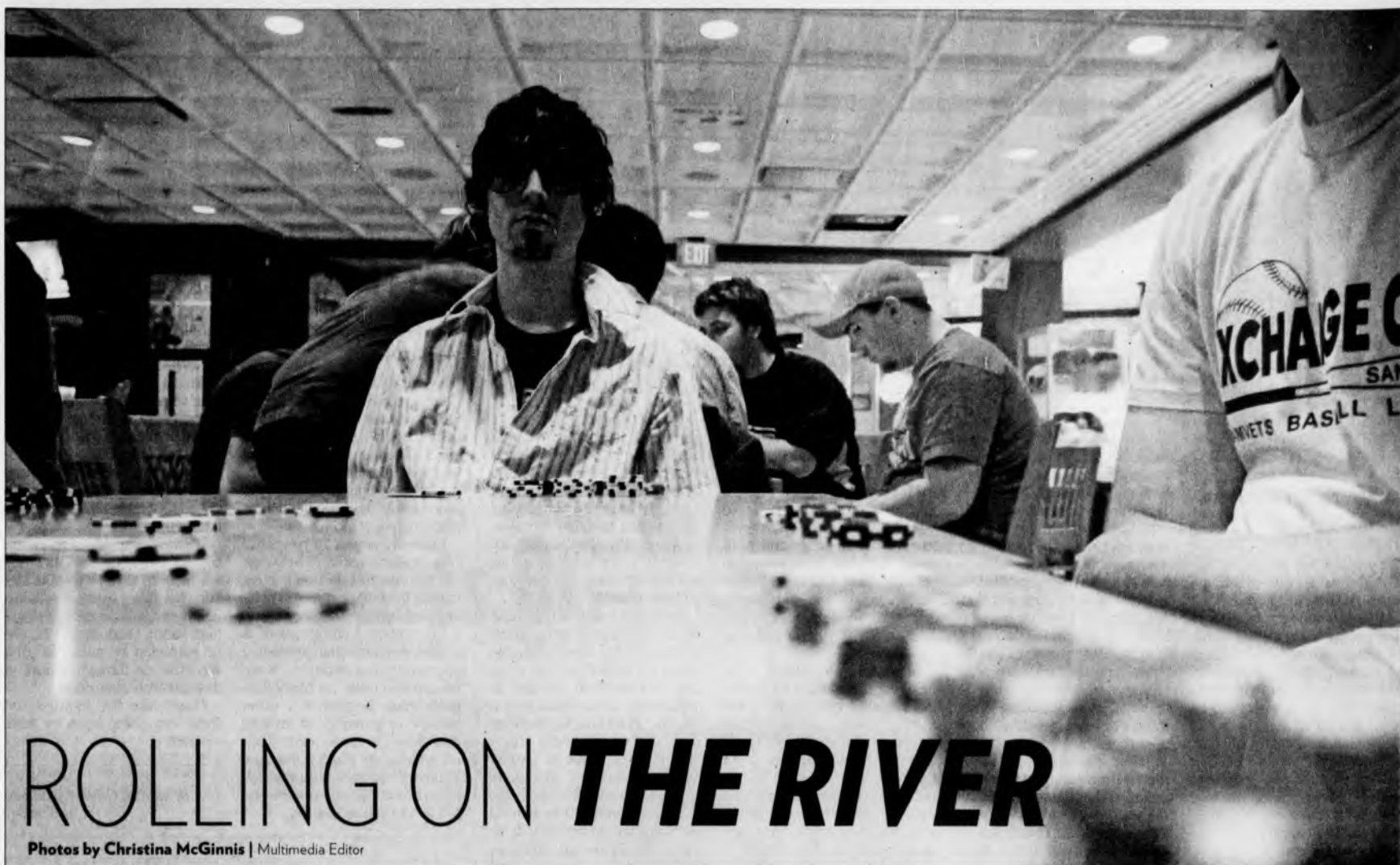
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**TOP:** Junior Chris Juilfs stares down his opponents during a hand.

**RIGHT:** Sophomore Mark Robson shuffles his poker chips.

**FAR RIGHT:** Junior Jacob Frizado explains to fellow player, sophomore Jerrad Cotton, what he did wrong in the last hand.



Thursday night The University Activities Organization hosted a Texas Hold Em' tournament in The Black Swamp Pub. There was no entry fee and students could win a green prize pack that consisted of the movie Avatar, and various other green products like Sun Chips and organic grape juice. Students could also win gift certificates to Wal-Mart and The Happy Badger. "I like that it's the only casino game where you can control your own odds," said junior Chris Juilfs.



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Nicole Frattianne  
Caitlin Keeler  
Hannah Lambert  
Jacob Lawrence  
Sundee Mutgi  
Samantha Peña  
John Waynick  
Kimberly Westmeyer

Each year the Student Alumni Connection recognizes graduating seniors that have made significant contributions to BGSU. This year was an especially competitive process and we are pleased that these seniors made it to the Top 10. During the selection process, from nominations to interviews, students, faculty/staff and alumni are involved. The overall Outstanding Senior will be announced at this event!



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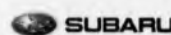
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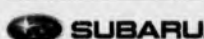
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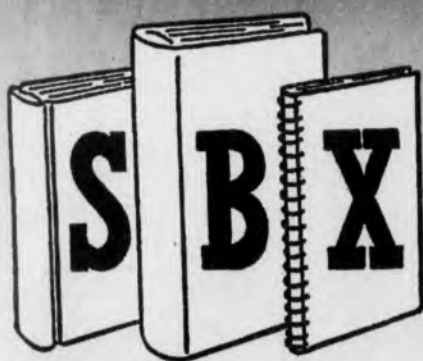
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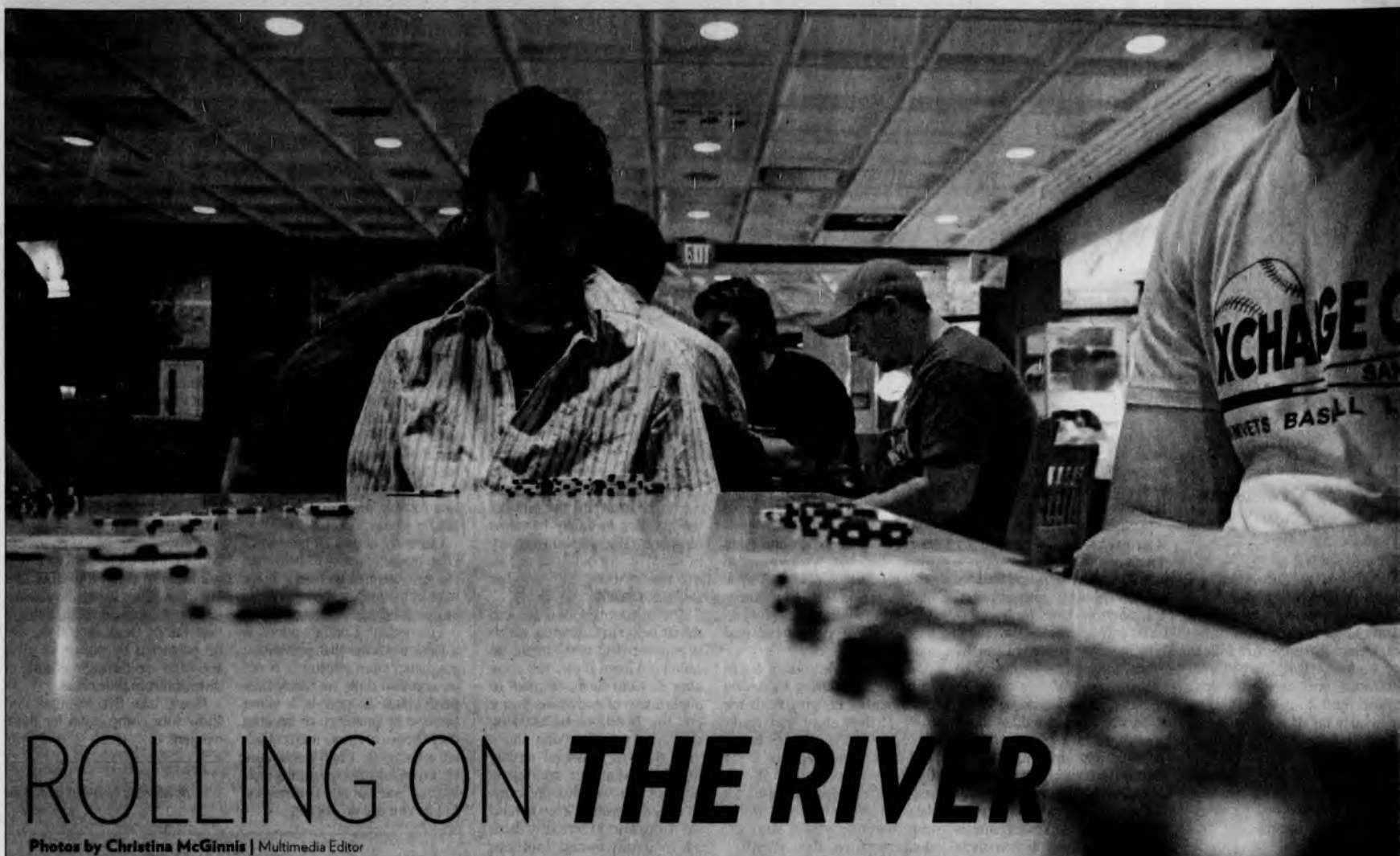
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**RIGHT:** Sophomore Mark Robson shuffles his poker chips.

**FAR RIGHT:** Junior Jacob Frizado explains to fellow player, sophomore Jerrad Cotton, what he did wrong in the last hand.



Thursday night The University Activities Organization hosted a Texas Hold Em' tournament in The Black Swamp Pub. There was no entry fee and students could win a green prize pack that consisted of the movie Avatar, and various other green products like Sun Chips and organic grape juice. Students could also win gift certificates to Wal-Mart and The Happy Badger. "I like that it's the only casino game where you can control your own odds," said junior Chris Juilfs.



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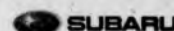
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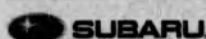
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## Mezmorize may be selling paraphernalia, but police still shouldn't shut them down



**KYLE SCHMIDLIN**  
FORUM EDITOR

The dense fog of marijuana smoke is filling headlines.

Tuesday, photographs taken by Time Magazine at the University of Colorado showed hundreds of students taking part in 4-20 activities. For those who don't know, April 20 is something of a holiday for those who smoke marijuana, and many of them spent the entire day stoned. One of the photographs showed a couple police officers walking through a crowd of kids smoking pot. The caption read, "No arrests were made."

And in California, the November ballot contains a measure which would make the possession of an ounce of marijuana legal, no prescription required.

All this might be a sign of the changing times, but it isn't as though the movement for marijuana decriminalization is totally without opposition.

Mezmorize, a "head shop" on South Main Street in Bowling Green, has been under investigation by

the city for allegedly selling drug paraphernalia. The shop isn't selling anything different than might be found at places like The Shed in Toledo or even some gas stations.

Naturally, the pipes are for drug use. It would be naive to say the elaborate, glass-blown pipes with fantastic colors and designs are for tobacco consumption. They merely have to be marketed that way to skirt the law.

In Tuesday's edition of The BG News, Mezmorize owner Mike Husain said, "We are going to fight this. If we were doing something wrong, I wouldn't have opened the business."

Surely Husain must know, merely from seeing the clientele and the other items hanging on the walls — dashikis, posters of Bob Marley — what his patrons intend to do with the products he sells. But of course, this still doesn't mean he's doing anything wrong.

Marijuana grows naturally all over Earth. It has been used throughout the millennia. This is no argument, by itself, in favor of its use. Actually, if I were going to argue one way or the other on the matter of whether it's a good idea to smoke marijuana, I would certainly say no.

It is an argument of a differ-

ent kind. People are going to find ways of growing and procuring marijuana forever, no matter what the law says. And they are going to find ways of smoking it. Apple bongos, Frisbee discs with bowls to pack marijuana in and giant gas masks (which Mezmorize also sells) are the stuff of legend in the marijuana-smoking community. And even if the methods of smoking it are removed, it can be baked into foods.

Given this, Mezmorize ought to be legally allowed to have a giant banner hanging from the front of their store that reads, "Weed smoking supplies here!" and not risk punishment. What difference does it make if they sell things which are used for illegal purposes? Should home improvement stores not sell sledgehammers or crowbars?

Mezmorize is a local business, established in a community which is seeing its local industry hurting. I have already written on the trouble faced by Corner Grill. I happen to work at Finders Records, another locally-owned business, and can appreciate the need for local businesses to continue to survive and thrive.

If the police shut down Mezmorize because it is selling drug paraphernalia, it will only

hurt the local economy. Whether their patrons use the products for criminal activity makes no difference whatsoever in how we ought to regard the product itself, which is totally harmless (and, actually, sometimes very pretty. Why not buy your grandma a water bong and have her use it as a vase?).

The incident in Boulder and the situation in California, which is experiencing what might be called a "Green Rush" 150 years after its Gold Rush, all point to a relaxation of marijuana policy. For the BGPD to be cracking down on paraphernalia shops in a time of upheaval against racist, class-based marijuana legislation is to leave the community of Bowling Green behind the times and to seriously damage a locally-owned business, badly needed to keep our local economy alive.

Imagine the irony. The BGPD shuts down Mezmorize, and in five years marijuana is legal in the state of Ohio. I don't want to have to buy my grandma a vase at Wal-Mart.

Respond to Kyle at  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### New legislation would help victims of rape

On April 21, I gathered in Columbus with hundreds of other Ohioans to ask the Ohio House of Representatives to pass House Bill 333, the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act, which helps rape survivors obtain Emergency Contraception in hospital emergency rooms.

Currently, almost 20 percent of Ohio hospitals refuse to help rape survivors prevent becoming pregnant by their rapist and even more just don't offer.

Emergency Contraception is a legal medicine that prevents a pregnancy from starting. It is not an abortion drug, yet many hospitals refuse to provide it either because of ignorance or because they choose to ignore medical science.

Currently, 1 in 6 women are victims of forcible rape during their lifetime and this rate is increased to 1 in 4 for college women.

Emergency Contraception is highly effective at preventing pregnancy but is most effective if taken within 24 hours. Women have the right to make their own decisions, regardless of where they happen to live in Ohio. Hospitals have an obligation to assist them and provide comprehensive, unbiased medical care to them during this incredibly vulnerable and scary time in their lives.

I encourage all Ohioans to contact their Representative and ask them to pass House Bill 333. For Bowling Green residents (District 6), your representative is Rep. Randy Gardner and he can be contacted by phone at (614) 466-8104 or through e-mail at district06@ohr.state.oh.us.

Please take five minutes and show your compassion for these women!

By Marissa Oehlhof, graduate,  
psychology.

## Shopping addiction can be dangerous



**HANNAH BEALER**  
COLUMNIST

Hi, my name is Hannah Bealer and I'm addicted to Amazon.com.

I'm not necessarily proud of my addiction, but I do believe online shopping has its benefits.

First of all, it's extremely convenient. As much as I enjoy the real shopping experience, I love the convenience of simply logging on to Amazon and ordering whatever I need, sometimes at a smaller price.

Going through my order history, I came across lots of novels, DVDs, textbooks and a bubble umbrella, not to mention my Kindle which only encourages further spending.

If you're feeling a bit guarded toward Amazon but still want to try it out, I would highly recommend using your account to purchase used textbooks. You can find good-quality used or even new textbooks for a much smaller price than the University bookstore offers.

Also, Kindle is great for avid readers who are willing to sacrifice an actual book for \$9.99 new releases.

Amazon is also great when it comes to quality. Sellers will write a description of the item. If it is used, they will write whatever flaws it might have. Customers can rate whoever they bought from and comment on their profiles. I always buy from sellers who have an approval rating of 98 percent or above; they're not hard to find.

If I've managed to convince you, pause for a moment before running off to your computer and creating an account. I did, after all, mention I'm not proud of my shopping habits. While I'm not too far gone, my friends constantly make a joke of asking me if I'm on Amazon when

they see me on my laptop.

I'll usually just add items to my wish list and later come to realize I don't need them. Taking a few days to contemplate a purchase really helps sort out your priorities. Trust me.

The thing is, an online shopping addiction (or a shopping addiction in general) is a serious problem with serious consequences. Remember the novel and the film, "Confessions of a Shopaholic"? The main character ends up having some serious financial problems, including declined credit cards and a lot of debt.

Also, those shopaholic anonymous meetings you see her going to really exist. An online shopping addiction is treated as a real disease, complete with symptoms (ignoring family and friends to shop online), treatments (counseling and psychotherapy) and even ways to test yourself for it.

By all means, create an Amazon account if only to purchase cheap textbooks. You've been warned, though. You might end up buying leather Kindle cases and bubble umbrellas (they work really well against Bowling Green wind, by the way).

An online shopping addiction is just like any other addiction. It feels good and you don't want to stop. But prioritize! Take awhile to decide if you really need what you want to buy. For the most part, I can proudly say I use the majority of what I've purchased.

So, go for it. Just keep an eye on your bank account and be smart about it. Amazon has been my faithful and reliable friend since last summer, and I don't plan on ending our relationship anytime soon.

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## Student evaluations reveal how much both the instructor and the student can grow



**PATRICK SAUNDERS**  
FACULTY  
COLUMNIST

Spring is here, and with it comes the end of the semester trainwrecks caused by the flood of papers, projects and presentations that collide head on at the same time. This is also the time for what I call "The Revenge of the student" — end of semester student evaluations.

Of course, student evaluations are always a toss of the dice and, like Forrest Gump's box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get. The standard form is the "Woods Form" with its seven circles of hell, from 1 (the worst) to a 7 (just this side of heaven).

In the Humanities department at Firelands, students fill out a blue sheet that asks a series of questions about the instructor and the course. These are always a treat, as you never really know what

students will write in the comments section.

Last June, I received my packet of blue sheets in the campus mail from the department chair. I always take time to look at them individually; they are supposed to enable the instructor to make or not make changes to the course. The comments section of these sheets, if filled out, usually say something nice. But every once in a while you will get the odd comment.

As I worked through the pile, most were generally complimentary. Then I ran across the first critical comment. Of course, these are done anonymously so the students can be candid in their responses.

The first critical one answered negatively as to the content and instruction quality. Then I read comments: "This guy does not belong in a classroom but on a barstool at the local VFW." When I read this, I burst out laughing and nodded my head thinking about the times I have told stories to my classes about the military and life before academia. That

### "My goal is to foster critical thinking skills, enable my students to see the world from different perspectives and think outside the box."

is one of the hazards of having a full life under your belt and beginning teaching at age 55.

I came to the next "critical" blue sheet, one I have framed on the wall of my home office. I did this so as not to forget the mission I have as a teacher at the university level. Again, the student was very negative, but the comments section surpassed all others. He expressed what he thought was a personal attack on my character.

His comment was one long pejorative and although it might offend some, I am going to report it as it was written. The criticism was, "This instructor is a f\*\*\*ing n\*\*\*er loving hippie." Now, my first inclination was to laugh out loud, then I became incensed over the "hippie" part because I was overseas in the military in the late 1960s and missed out on all of the love and peace fun stuff.

After a while, I thought, "Wow, I must have really pushed some buttons on this student." My goal is to

foster critical thinking skills, enable my students to see the world from different perspectives and think outside the box. Did the course contain material that threatened his world view?

A lot of my students come from "white cocoons," where diversity is just another word and the world looks the same, day after day. That is why the university's traditional role is to challenge these preconceptions of the world.

But are we succeeding? For the most part, I think we have temporary success at best. I saw these comments as a symptom of the larger problems we face in this world.

In the new "skill set academic world" we are presented with in the 21st century, is critical and thoughtful thinking going to be the first casualty?

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# Falcon baseball looks to continue success at Ohio

By Ryan Satkowiak  
Reporter

Coming off a six day span where they swept rival Toledo, and extended their win streak to five by adding wins over Dayton and Western Michigan, the BG baseball team will look to continue that string of success this week end against Ohio.

Just a week ago, the Falcons appeared to be in a tough spot, sitting at 3-6 in Mid-American Conference games, three games behind eastern division leader Kent State.

Now, the Falcons are 6-6 in conference play, only a game behind the Golden Flashes, and are playing perhaps their best baseball of the year.

In addition to scoring 57 runs during their five games this past week, the Falcons have held opponents to four runs or fewer each of the last three games.

Jon Berti had a huge week for the Falcons, hitting .523 in the five games, scoring 12 runs, knocking in four RBIs, and stealing five bases.

He now leads the team with a .409 average, 37 runs, five triples, and 19 stolen bases.

He has been hitting in the fifth spot of the lineup, with Logan Meisler leading off since his return from injury.

The Falcons will continue to look for ace Brennan Smith to get on track. The reigning MAC pitcher of the year, he looked like he was turning to corner several

weeks ago, as he strung together three straight strong starts.

However, he has not continued that trend. On Friday, he gave up 12 runs—nine earned—in only 2.1 innings of work.

He has given up 40 earned runs in 40 innings this year.

The Falcons pitching staff has been carried by Kevin Leady, who won his third consecutive start Sunday with 8.1 strong innings.

He leads the team with five wins and a 3.76 earned-run average.

The senior's presence may be rubbing off on the young starters, as freshmen Cody Aphorpe

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**DELIVERY:** Dan Parson delivers a pitch in a game earlier this season.

ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

## Ellis impacts BG history

Falcon that broke color barrier reflects on life, legacy

Story by Andy Ouriel | Senior Reporter

University alumnus Crystal "Boo" Ellis' life is marked by several achievements:

- Receiving an honorary degree at both the University and the University of Toledo, in addition to obtaining an undergraduate degree at the University in 1957.

- Teaching swimming to thousands of children — including Toledo Mayor Mike Bell — at the YMCA in Toledo in the late 1950s and 1960s.

- Serving as a coach, principal and superintendent of Toledo Public Schools.

- Being named as one of the 100 most prominent alumni in the University's 100-year history.

But his most historic achievement was accomplished before he even graduated.

In 1951, Ellis became the first black basketball player at the University. He joined the Falcons after leading Springfield High School in Springfield, Ohio to the 1950 state championship.

But Ellis did more than dominate the backboards: He helped ease the transition for future black players at the University, including NBA Hall-of-Famer Nate Thurmond, 12-year NBA veteran Antonio Daniels and center Otis Polk.

As part of the year-long University Centennial Celebration, Ellis will be one of several panelists to share his University experiences during the 100 Years of Sport at BGSU today at 6 p.m. in Olscamp 111.

In an exclusive interview with The BG News, the BGSU Hall of Famer sat down to talk about his University experiences.

**Q: When did you first become interested in attending the University?**

**CE:** Harold Anderson and his great teams at Bowling Green were well known in Ohio. Harold Anderson is a legend.

Don't let anyone tell you dreams don't come true.

When I was in the 8th or 9th grade, when I was still in what you called the junior high, I read in the paper where Charlie Share makes All-American at Bowling Green State University.

I was just at that age where you dream of what you want to do. I said to myself, and I'll never forget this: 'One day I'm going to Bowling Green State University and play basketball.'

**Q: How did the University recruit you through this process?**

**CE:** Little did I know after we won the [1950 Ohio] State Championship that Harold Anderson was at the state tournament and recruiting for Bowling Green.

[Anderson] started checking on my background. Bowling Green never had a black basketball player. This was something breaking the mold at Bowling Green. The only thing Charlie Fox [Springfield High School principal, went to school in Akron with Anderson] said that was negative, you know, Boo has a temper, and I do have a temper, but it's not one that vicious or harmful. It's one that is more determined against someone else.

**Q: How did you receive the nickname "Boo"?**

**CE:** My mother said it was the first word that I said.

Now I got another idea as to how I got

the nickname Boo.

My father's name was Booker and I think they called me that because he was killed when I was 2 months old. I think that may have been because "Boo" is just the first part of Booker.

**Q: What were some of your best memories playing for University?**

**CE:** The night we beat Western Kentucky here at Bowling Green [in 1952]. They brought a team here that had the [best] basketball players I think I had ever seen collectively on a team. We saw Western Kentucky warming up just straight dunking the ball. Boom!

Harold Anderson said we got to take high-percentage shots. He said you can't shoot until you see the white of their eyes. In other words, you got to make sure that when you shoot it, you make it, otherwise you are not going to win this game.

We beat them and Ed Diddle [Western Kentucky University's hall-of-fame coach who famously waved a red towel during games] stopped waving the towel. We weren't missing and we were stopping them to a point of where they weren't dunking because we were positioning. We played smart basketball. And Western Kentucky was a powerful team. That was the biggest victory that we had here.

**Q: What did it mean to you to become the University's first black basketball player?**

**CE:** Nothing. I was a member of the team.

What I wanted to do is be the kind of person to be grateful for the opportunity that I had been given by Harold Anderson. That is what it meant to me because that wasn't happening.

In Toledo, they had a few [black] basketball players, but that was a big city. In the smaller universities, [putting black players



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE KEY YEARBOOK

**JUMPING HIGH:** Ellis quit basketball and planned to drop out of school after his freshman year because his family was in financial trouble. But Harold Anderson, along with University SID Don Cunningham, drove down to Springfield, Ohio to bring Ellis back to Bowling

on teams] wasn't happening. It wasn't happening in Dayton or Ohio U. It just wasn't happening.

And I wanted to make sure that what I did and how I did it and how I represented Bowling Green State University was appropriate.

**Q: How significant of a figure was Harold Anderson to your life?**

**CE:** Harold Anderson was just a wonderful mentor. I came to Bowling Green to basically play basketball. Harold Anderson brought me to Bowling Green to get an education and then play basketball.

And he told me that when I was getting passing grades just enough to get by my freshman and sophomore years, he told me, "I didn't bring you here just to play basketball. I brought you here to get an education first and then basketball." That is the man he was.

That was Harold Anderson's way of life. I think he had a deep love for individuals. I didn't think he was a basketball mind as much as my high school coach. We ran more options in high school [compared to] Harold Anderson. His game plan was we'll outrun them. They can't keep up with us. We outscore them. We won't have to play defense. That is our way of winning and he won.

**Q: How proud are you to represent the University as one of the 100 greatest athletes in the University's history?**

**CE:** When you talk about what you've been given, you got to feel proud to be able to give back. When I step on this campus, I don't feel that my feet are touching the ground. I'm lifted up above the ground.



**SERVICE MAN:** Ellis' playing career was interrupted in 1953 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army for a two-year term. He returned to the basketball team in 1955.

## Men's golf to close out regular season

By Christopher Rambo  
Reporter



**Gary Winger**

Will be taking his team to the Rutherford Intercollegiate

After a week off from competition, the BG men's golf team will travel to Central Pennsylvania this weekend to take part in the Rutherford Intercollegiate hosted by Penn St. The Falcons hope to use this week to get their house in order for next week's Mid-American Conference Championships in Nashport, Ohio.

"We've done a lot of practicing during our week off," said coach Gary Winger. "We've had a chance to play some really relaxing, enjoyable rounds of golf, which is something that our team hasn't experienced for a little while."

Coming off of an 11th place finish in Kentucky, in which his team's mental approach was not where he wanted it to be, Winger is hoping for some signs of improvement this week in Happy Valley.

"The problems we had are the sort of thing that does not go away overnight," Winger said. It's easy to talk about in practice but until the

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ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

**PUTTING:** The BG golf team will play in the MAC Championships this weekend.

## Women golfers set to compete in Championship

By Christopher Rambo  
Reporter

For the BG women's golf team, a whole season's worth of hard work has been building up to this weekend. The Falcons are currently in Fishers, Ind. where they will tee-it-up at 8 a.m. this morning in the annual Mid-American Conference Championships.

"144 days of competition and practice all lead up to this," said coach Stephanie Young. "This

weekend is what we work all year in preparation for. There has definitely been an elevated intensity level in practice."

For Hannah Lambert, the lone Bowling Green senior, this tournament offers one last crack at collegiate golf.

"I don't plan to leave anything on the table this week," said Lambert. "This is my last shot so I'm going to let it all hang out

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#### Celebrating 100 years of BG athletics

The Bowling Green State University School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies will host "100 Years of Sport at BGSU" as a special centennial celebration event today starting at 4 p.m.

### TRACK

#### Young core leads Falcons

The BG track team will continue their season this weekend, as they head to Michigan for the 44th annual Gina Relays in Hillsdale.

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# Group of young athletes lead Falcons into Gina Relays

By Brad Frank  
Reporter

With a young group of sprinters, hurdlers, and jumpers, assistant coach Jody Stewart is hoping the experience his athletes gain will pay off tremendously toward the end of the season.

Another huge step toward the end of the season takes place today and Saturday at the Gina Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

"They did a great job during the regular season indoors, and now the big issue is getting more experience, more reps in big meets," Stewart said.

Now in its 44th year, the Gina Relays is traditionally a very competitive meet.

Stewart said he is looking for his group to compete hard in order to maximize the team's chance for success.

"Like every other weekend, my big thing is going out there and competing hard. That's so important," Stewart said. "It's a great meet, where they'll see some tough competition, and

"Like every other weekend, my big thing is going out there and competing hard. That's so important. It's a great meet, where they'll see some tough competition, and I think they'll do really well."

Jody Stewart | BG assistant coach

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"Being a part of these competitive meets and getting out there and fighting, it's only going to make us better."

As part of the big picture, Stewart is hoping to get a productive meet from his group to help put the team on its way to making an improvement on its ninth-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Championships last season.

"Bowling Green has always had a great distance and throws program. And now for the sprints, hurdles, and jumps crew to get in there and contribute and develop from

there, I think they're doing a wonderful job at it," he said.

He said ultimately the key is to compete hard and hope for the very best results.

"Especially after our indoor conference meet, [the key is] really stepping it up and competing hard and going out there and just giving it their best," Stewart said. "It's just going out when we've left that track saying you gave it everything you had; that's all we ask for."

BG is still seeking its first team title in the outdoor season. The Falcons will begin competing today at noon and resume Saturday at 10 a.m.



ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

**P-MART:** Patrick Martin delivers a pitch in a game against Western Michigan earlier this season.

## BASEBALL

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and Nick Bruns each threw solid starts this week.

Apthorpe gave up three runs—one earned—in 6.2 innings of work against Dayton, and Bruns gave up four runs in five innings against Western Michigan.

The Ohio Bobcats come into this game with a 11-23 overall record, with a 6-6 record in MAC play.

They are on a three game win streak, taking the final two games of their weekend series with Northern Illinois, and then beating Cincinnati Tuesday.

They have a strong offense, having clubbed 41 home runs and hitting .296 as a team.

Robert Maddox III leads the team with eight homers, 44 RBIs and 93 total bases, while posting a .380 batting average.

Gauntlett Eldemire is also one of their best hitters, leading the

team with a .410 average, while adding six homers, 33 RBIs and eight steals.

The Bobcat's pitching staff has put up a 6.57 team earned-run average on the season.

Bryce Butts leads the team with seven starts, eight appearances overall. He has a 2-6 record with an 8.29 ERA.

First pitch today is set for 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's games are each set to start at 1 p.m.

## MEN

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improvement actually shows up in tournament play, I have no idea what to expect.

The 54-hole event will begin Saturday with 36 holes, followed by 18 Sunday. Headlining the field is the host Nittany Lions, who are lead by senior Kevin Foley, the 46th-ranked player

in the country.

For Winger, this week also carries some personal significance to it, as he played under longtime Pennsylvania State University head coach Greg Nye when Nye was the head coach at BG in the late 80's.

Since Nye left BG, he has built Penn St. into a national powerhouse.

"I have nothing but respect for him and what he has been

able to do at Penn St," said Winger, who still keeps in close contact with his former mentor. "When I first started at Bowling Green, coach Nye invited us to this tournament when we were having trouble getting into a lot of events. For that, I am forever indebted to him, and as a result we have continued to support this event over the years that I have been here."

## WOMEN

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and see what happens."

The entire MAC conference will be in the field this week at Hawthorns golf and Country Club, a scenic Par 72 layout. BG arrived earlier this week riding a wave of momentum from their last two outings. That good feeling appeared to carry over to Thursday's practice round where according to Young; the Falcons were hitting the ball spot-on.

"We played the course back in the fall for the MAC Preview, and it played very long due to

the cool, wet conditions," Young said. "Right now, however, things have dried out and the fairways are rolling very well, which definitely helps out."

With rain expected for the weekend, course conditions could easily deteriorate again, but Young is confident that nothing will phase her group on this stage.

"Thursday was about as perfect a day as there could have been for golf," Young said. "Hopefully the course holds up when it's actually time to play, but if it doesn't then I am sure that they girls won't let it bother them. I have never felt better about a team's mental toughness than

this year."

The Falcon's starting lineup this week features and interesting mix of youth and experience, with upper-classmen Hannah Lambert, Lauren Glew, and Marisa Glew, being joined by freshman Susy Grunden and Amy Ruthenberg. That group will attempt to deliver the Falcons their first-ever top-five finish in the MAC Championship.

"Finishing in the top half of the field is definitely our goal," Young said. "No team here has ever done that before, but I think this is the best starting five we have ever had. I think it is within our reach."

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## ORCHESTRA

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opportunity for students and other audience members to hear this piece at BG," Brown said. "It's very rare, and it makes it even more special, because these pieces are much more normally played by professional orchestras."

Trumpeter Ashley Donaldson said "Paris" is most likely one of the biggest concerts Philharmonia has and will put on for quite some time. She has played in Philharmonia for two years and considers Sunday's concert to be one of her most demanding but rewarding performances.

"The Rite of Spring" is about as hard rock as the classical world can get," Donaldson said. "Classical music isn't as in the box as some people may think. They should definitely come and check it out."

Graduate student Casey Mink is a violinist in Philharmonia and is also the orchestra librarian. He said both of the concert's pieces are challenging in their own way.

"The most difficult aspect of 'The Rite of Spring' is the rhythmic element. It's so unpredictable. You literally have to be on the edge of your seat while you're playing it," Mink said. "But I would say that 'La Mer' is personally a little more challenging because the strings have a little more role in that piece."

Mink said he has been in Philharmonia for two years and enjoys the opportunities presented by "Paris" and all of his performances.

"It's great to have all this exposure to a wide variety of music," Mink said. "I feel a lot better equipped to go on to a professional setting once I graduate and move on to a career as a music performance major."

Advance tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens, while tickets purchased at the door will be \$13 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

Brown said those interested in purchasing tickets can visit the center box office or call 419-372-8171.

## MUNCHIES

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"Lots of people think we do it for recruitment, but really we just want to give something back to the community," Warner said. "And people are usually very kind and accepting towards the idea."

Warner also said he thinks the cookouts are great social events and the people that do stop by usually invite even more people.

He said they will probably serve people until about 3:30 a.m.

Junior Jen Traylor said she always looks forward to Jesus Burgers this time of year.

"I think it's cool that they just give out all this free food without really asking for anything in return," she said. "My friends and I have gone since freshman year and we always look forward to it."

Doug Walton, member of ACT, also said a lot of people get confused as to why the organization

just makes all this food and gives it away for free.

"The most common question people ask me is why we do this," Walton said. "I always tell them we do it to extend the love of God to everyone on campus."

The last Jesus Burger event at the ACT House this semester will be next Friday night.

Walton said this is the first year the organization has used Facebook to help promote their event.

"There are already over 1,200 confirmed guests on Facebook, so I think we can expect a good turnout tonight and next week," he said.

### Jesus Burgers/God Dogs

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## VISION

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Shandee Wylie, vice president of Vision, said the prom is the closing event for this week. The theme of the prom is "A Night at the Oscars" and will take place on the second floor of the McFall Center.

The dinner starts at 7 p.m. and requires a ticket, but there is no cost. The dance is from 9 p.m. to midnight and all students on

campus are welcome to attend. There is no dress code.

At the end of the night, "prom royalty" will be randomly selected, giving everyone that attends an equal opportunity to win.

"It's a place where people can have fun," Wylie said.

Rob Koob, president of Vision, said the event is a statement about how these events, such as prom or homecoming, are only for heterosexual couples.

"A lot of LGBT students weren't able to express themselves at

**"Now everyone has a chance [to go to a prom] where they won't be judged."**

Rob Koob | President of Vision

high school prom, [and] now everyone has a chance where they won't be judged," Koob said.

Ana Rodgers, events chair for

Vision, said their efforts with the prom will be a good chance to make people who aren't involved in Vision to be aware of what they do.

"It is something to highlight that you are accepted by everyone at BGSU," Rodgers said.

To get a ticket for the formal dinner students can go to the Vision office in the Student Organizational suite on the 4th floor on the Union or e-mail Shandee Wylie at swylie@bgsu.edu.

## ALUMNI

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Monique Cotton Kelly, director of Alumni Affairs said the Centennial Alumni Awards this weekend are a way for the University to celebrate "100 years with 100 people." The Centennial Gala will honor alumni for their contributions to University history and success.

"We really want to honor them and remember that BGSU helped them on their way," she said.

Kelly said the University's 100 Most Prominent Alumni honorees were chosen from hundreds of nominations. Alumni Affairs is expecting 68 of the 100 honorees to be in attendance and more than 800 guests to take

part in the celebration.

"Many of the alumni haven't been back to the University in some time. This gives them the opportunity to reconnect with the University," Kelly said.

Larry Weiss, the Centennial Celebration co-chair, said the Centennial Alumni Awards is also a great opportunity for alumni to reminisce about their time here.

Weiss said there will be alumni visiting from around the country and around the world.

Alumni returning to the University this weekend will have the opportunity to tour campus and see what changes are in progress, according to the Centennial Alumni Awards website.

Weiss said there are 140,000 alumni and the 100 chosen for the award come from many dif-

ferent walks of life.

"People from show business like [actors] Eva Marie Saint and Tim Conway, people in medicine, government, in the classroom, in music and business," he said. "It shows the width and breadth of what Bowling Green State University is all about."

But Weiss said the award winners are unranked and there are many other alumni who made contributions to their University.

The complete list of the 100 Most Prominent Alumni can be found at [www.bgsu.edu/offices/alumni/programs](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/alumni/programs).

The yearlong Centennial Celebration will continue May 19, Weiss said, with the Centennial Legislation event at the Ohio Statehouse with sister school Kent State University.

### Seven influential University athletic figures will unite on campus and share how sports have impacted their campus and personal lives.

At 6 p.m. in 111 Olscamp, the University will host 100 Years of Sport at BGSU: A Centennial Celebration Event. Athletes, coaches, administrators and six panelists will discuss their University experiences.

#### The panelists include:

• Crystal Ellis: Became the first black basketball player at the University after Harold Anderson recruited the

Springfield, Ohio native in 1951.

• Tom Colaner: Former football player on the University's 1959 National Championship team

• Denise Van De Walle: The most successful volleyball coach in Mid-American Conference history, the 27-year coach secured her 500th victory last season.

• Sue Hager: Compiled a 38-13 record in three seasons as the women's basketball coach from 1973-76.

• Mike Wilcox: The former All-American lacrosse player is now the CEO of Wilcox

Financial in Toledo.

• Gary Haas: Former baseball player

• Jim Lessig: The former University athletic director will be the panel moderator.

\*The individual was named as one of the 100 most prominent alumni in the University's 100-year history.

At 4 p.m. in Anderson Arena, a multimedia presentation of current and former athletic teams will be shown. A poster presentation put together by students in a sports and history class will also be presented.

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## Hollywood attempts to lead the way with eco pride

By Matt Liasse  
Pulse Reporter

For the past 40 years, Earth Day has become an annual time for people all around the world to celebrate the planet we live on.

Earth Day, which was Thursday, reminds everyone to appreciate taking care of Earth. In times like these, our home seems to be in more danger than ever before.

This holiday is especially important to recognizing the planet we live on and turning respecting the environment into a more everyday activity, according to [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net).

The American media has also been playing a part, leading the public into a green revolution, in hopes of keeping Earth healthy.

Below are some of the ways Hollywood is doing their share of leading the way.



### Green Musicians

A music video that can inspire action is 30 Seconds To Mars' "A Beautiful Lie." It brings attention to the melting ice caps and the way the people's energy consumption can cause nothing but hardships for the Arctic Circle, where the video was shot.

From the first moment when a match is struck to the image of the wolf being affected by the melting, the video's underlying statement is the "time to act is now."

Madonna became very political during her "Sticky and Sweet" World Tour last year. During a video clip at her shows titled "Get Stupid," Madonna tackled issues such as materialism, obesity and the state of the environment. The clip featured images of traffic jams, rising temperatures, dying animals and the massacres caused by various natural disasters. The lyrics shared Madonna's point of view as well, saying "Get up. It's time, your life, your world."

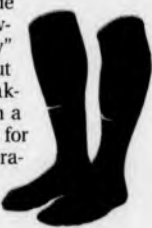
An Earth Day playlist can put anyone in the conserving mood. Be sure to include Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi," Rush's "The Trees," Michael Jackson's "Earth Song," The Beatles' "Here Comes The Sun" and Louis Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World."

### Green Fashion

The new advertising campaign for Hanes suggests everyone should do his or her part to "make the world a little more comfortable for future generations." The statement the commercial is attempting to make is clear — it suggests people who choose to not wear clothes with fabrics "made using renewable energy" are slowly but surely making the Earth a scarier place for future generations.

The new green

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JOSH WHETTERS  
PULSE COLUMNIST

One of my favorite times of the year is finally here — Earth Week.

It's so grand. It is like some great, big thanks to our great, big Mother Earth (not that I'm saying your mother is fat). It's a time when everyone gets together for seven days to be

kind to our planet before they go back to chucking used condoms out the car window and dumping dead bodies in the lakes and rivers.

But isn't this whole Earth Week thing a little shortsighted? We haven't exactly been making Earth happy, what with pollution and the forced hot flashes (global warming) humans cause daily. Eventually our mother planet is going to "kick us out of the house," so to speak. So this is the time we should look to the other heavenly bodies and kiss

some serious galactic butt.

With the exploration and potential colonization of outer space, this is the obvious next step. A campaign styled like Earth Week toward other planets is exactly what we can do. Remember a little flattery goes a long way, and have you seen how far away some of the other planets are?

Maybe a "Jupiter Week" is in order where we can help clear up the pesky, recurring

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# SUSTAINABLE design IS IN THE BAG

University instructors lead graphic designers to promote sustainable design, mentoring throughout streets of Toledo

Story by Heather Linder | Pulse Editor

A forest is springing up on the light poles of downtown Toledo.

Or rather, a visual forest of tree-adorned banners is being planted by local artists and graphic designers in honor of Earth Day's 40th anniversary.

Known as the Urban Forest Project (UFP), this effort to promote sustainability, environmental awareness and youth mentoring through the tree metaphor will officially kick off Saturday night.

University art instructors Amy Fidler and Jenn Stucker are heading up Toledo's version of UFP.

Fidler and Stucker, inspired by materials from New

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## Get down and dirty with Mama Earth



TAYLOR  
RICHTER  
DESIGN EDITOR

Over the course of this year, you and I have had quite a journey.

We've deep-fried things we probably shouldn't have; we've deviated from food-related topics to not-so-food-related topics; we've found ways to make inappropriate comments about hot dogs.

And throughout all of this rambling and digesting, we've acquired a whole heck of a lot of food. In honor of Earth Week, let's give a little bit of all we've gained back to Mother Earth. Literally. Let's compost!

Now, I know you've got to be thinking, "Taylor, you're cruisin' for a bruise" if you think I'm about to let things rot on purpose anywhere near me." I, in turn, have got to be thinking what exactly is the best way to get you on your time machine to the '50s. You must be a wayward hep-cat trying to get back the decade of the hotrod if you're still using the term "cruisin' for a bruise." But I digress.

In the end, you really should just suck it up, chump. Composting is easy, it's good for your plants and it's good for the planet in general. Most importantly, composting can be done anywhere, including your tiny, overpriced apartment, so you really don't have an excuse not to.

### Container

Great compost starts with a great place to put it. In the spirit of recycling, I know you'd like to make your own, but please, refrain from reusing pots or Tupperware as compost containers. Mainly you don't want to do this because those kinds of containers get smelly fast and attract bugs like nobody's business.

If we all lived in places with yards, we could make our compost containers out of recycled wood or other materials. Since most of us college students are confined to soul-sucking apartment spaces, I'd recommend investing the \$20 to \$30 in a good-quality counter-top model. A simple Google search gets you endless models with different features.

### What to compost

Composting works when the balance of green (nitrogen-based materials that are green or brightly colored and wet) and brown (carbon-based materials that are brown and dry) materials is just right.

Great green additions to your compost pile are leftover fruits and veggies, eggshells, coffee grinds, tea bags, fresh green leaves and fresh green grass clippings. Brown compost includes things like dry yellow or brown

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## Get ready solar system — you're next

## THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT:



**GREEN DAY HITS BROADWAY:** Green Day's Broadway rock musical "American Idiot" premiered Tuesday night. The musical adaptation of the band's album was met with mixed reviews from critics nationwide.



**LOVE CHANGES NAME:** Courtney Love has changed her name to Courtney Michelle after saying, "Courtney Love is dead." She abandoned her stage name after claiming the name was a way to "oppress" her.



**CIRQUE MEETS JACKSON:** Cirque du Soleil announced they are planning to create touring and shows based on Michael Jackson's music. The first project, an arena-touring show, is set to premiere late fall 2011.

### TONIGHT IN BG

#### Indy rock band at Howard's

The Holland Account, a hard-rock/alternative band hailing from Indianapolis, will take the stage at Howard's Club H tonight. The newly reformed group will play for the 18 and over audience starting at 10 p.m.

### TONIGHT IN TOLEDO

#### Detroit Cobras rock out in Toledo

Rock and soul group the Detroit Cobras, featuring singer Rachel Nagy and guitarist Mary Ramirez, makes a stop on their tour in Toledo tonight at Mickey Finn's Pub. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the all ages show, tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

### THIS WEEKEND IN TOLEDO

#### Carrie Underwood comes to Toledo

Country music star and former "American Idol" winner Carrie Underwood will bring her "Play On Tour" to the Huntington Center in Toledo Saturday night. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. with Craig Morgan and Sons of Sylvia. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

### THEY SAID IT

"It's really hard to maintain a one-on-one relationship if the other person is not going to allow me to be with other people."

-Axl Rose



## UFP

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York City's 2008 UFP, decided to localize the effort, starting with their annual Summer Workshop for Experimentation and Thought or SWEAT.

"Jenn and I originally developed the workshop to engage design thinking outside of the classroom," Fidler said. "For the 2009 summer, the assignment was to produce this project. The workshop participants initially got the project off the ground. They did the leg work and the research. We worked very hard to get support."

SWEAT worked in conjunction with AIGA Toledo (the professional association for design), Toledo's 1% for Art Program and the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo. Fidler and Stucker, who are the president and vice president of Bowling Green's AIGA

chapter, used their connections to plant seeds of interest with designers in the area.

"We have a large database of graphic designers we contacted," Stucker said. "A big push came through an open call and some levels of the public community. Everything was handled online to be green, including digital commissions."

One hundred forty banner designs were submitted, and a panel of professional judges blindly selected 50 pieces to print. Several University students and Bowling Green community members had their art selected for the UFP, including junior graphic design major Bevan Binder.

"My piece is a play on words," Binder said. "It says, 'Actions speak louder than words,' but the 'ac' is being chopped off by an ax on a tree stump. It's a piece about deforestation, something I've always been

**"Typically, graphic design is anti-green with wasteful packaging, convincing people to buy what they don't need, contributing to problems consumers and the Earth face."**

Amy Fidler | Urban Forest Project co-coordinator

bothered by."

Binder and the other selected artists will see their work on display until the end of summer. After the banners are taken down, they will be recycled into tote bags and sold. The proceeds from the bags will go to the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo's Young Artists At Work program, according to Stucker.

Saturday's celebration of the UFP at Grumpy's on South Huron Street in Toledo will start with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7 p.m. and proceed to a party until 9 p.m. At the party there will be a silent auction for

one of the recycled tote bags, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Stucker and Fidler hope the work of the UFP will stimulate artists to design more efficiently and effectively and viewers to be aware of their environmental behavior and sustainability.

"Typically, graphic design is anti-green," Fidler said, "with wasteful packaging, convincing people to buy what they don't need, contributing to problems consumers and the Earth face. What can we do to help? Investigate in sustainable graphic design."



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**NEW GROWTH:** Designers and guests gather as the Toledo Urban Forest Project designs are unveiled for the first time. The UFP will officially kick off Saturday at 7 p.m.

## COMPOST

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leaves, sawdust, chopped up twigs, shredded newspaper, straw and dryer lint.

A general rule of thumb is to have a bit more brown compost than green compost; you want warm, moist compost, not slimy, rotting compost. It takes about 45 days to have perfectly usable compost soil.

### What not to compost

While most things can be made into compost, there are certain things you should just say no to. Anything chemically treated is bad news for your future garden, along with plastics and metals. Don't put meat, egg or milk products into your compost either, unless it's your goal to attract every pest within throwing distance.

### Some other general tips

Remember, some bugs are going to be inevitable, so don't freak out when a few appear. They're part of the reason you're getting great-looking, Earth-saving compost in the first place. As long as no cockroaches or fly-like insects are starting to breed, you're doing just fine.

Also, you'll need to keep your compost out of the sun. It will be getting plenty hot on its own, and cooking your compost won't make it work any faster.

Finally, don't forget to add plenty of naturally occurring compost materials, like leaves and grass, at least once a week. It's great to compost food materials, but without the addition of Mama Nature's dry materials, you're going to end up with that slimy mess you were trying to avoid in the first place.



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## CELEBS

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campaign promises they are keeping the youth in mind by reducing the energy used for making products by 11 percent. According to Hanes.com. Also offered are men's and boys' undershirts made with renewable energy and "ECOSMART" socks made using a minimum of 55 percent recycled fiber.

One part of the three most famous sisters in the world, Khloe Kardashian, has made headlines in People magazine, sporting a Garden Collection dress from H&M and an eco tote by Kenneth Cole.

### Green Viewing

Viewing a documentary that examines the beauty and vulnerability of the planet can set a new tone in taking care of the planet. BBC's "Planet Earth" celebrates just that by taking closer looks at mountains, caves, jungles and seas. Another documentary with a similar tone is BBC's "Life," narrated by Oprah Winfrey. It takes a look at different life forms around the planet in their natural habitats, showing the beauty that lies where the naked eye cannot see.

The biggest movie of all time, "Avatar" was released on DVD for Earth Day as well. This is another viewing pleasure that celebrates nature and our connection with the planet.

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## SPACE

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pink eye Jupiter's been dealing with. Or maybe "Mars Month" could be fun. We could have "Bring a Bottle of Water to Work Day," but of course Mars is BYOO (bring your own oxygen). And even Pluto could be fun, although it is just a dwarf planet now (although I think it prefers to be called a "little planet").

We need to take care of Earth before we wear out our wel-

come, and in the meantime, we can hedge our bets by finding another planet to sublet on.

Maybe Earth needs a break, and who are we to deny that? After all, we are basically just fleas on the backside of the dog that is Earth. The best thing we can do is give Earth a little alone time. Then when we are looking at it from Saturn or Venus, we can say to Earth the same thing we say to the other planets: "Hey, Earth. I know you're feeling good, because you're looking good."

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## BUDGET

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fill the gap.

Stoll said the impact to State Share of Instruction, which makes up 30 percent of the University's funding, could be significant if more students already here find reasons to stay and pay tuition, funding the other 70 percent of University operations.

"We have to find good ways to help students who are already here ... find a meaningful way to connect with the institution," she said.

Connecting the Undergraduate Experience, or CUE, is the 22-member faculty ad hoc committee looking at how the University can keep students through graduation. More than 300 faculty, staff and students attended the four open forums to voice opinions on getting students involved beyond the classroom.

"We're trying to make a small college experience at a big college campus," said Catherine Cardwell, interim vice provost for academic programs. "The one thing that really stood out is that people were really receptive."

She said the University is trying

to make the student experience more intentional by encouraging involvement in relevant organizations and by molding general education courses around what students really need to learn for their career paths. Curriculum changes couldn't take effect until 2012, but Cardwell said CUE would be releasing another report in the next couple weeks with updated findings.

Stoll is "cautiously optimistic" the 73 percent retention rate will increase and the economy will turn around by 2011. But she has to think realistically.

"I think my greatest hope would be that the state's economy has begun to recover and rebound," Stoll said. "Realistically, I'm not going to be surprised if what we end up without would be the federal stimulus portion of our funding."

## Federal stimulus money received:

\$12 million in fiscal year 2010

\$13 million in fiscal year 2011

Expected shortfall for 2012:

\$12-14 million

Source: Sheri Stoll, chief financial officer

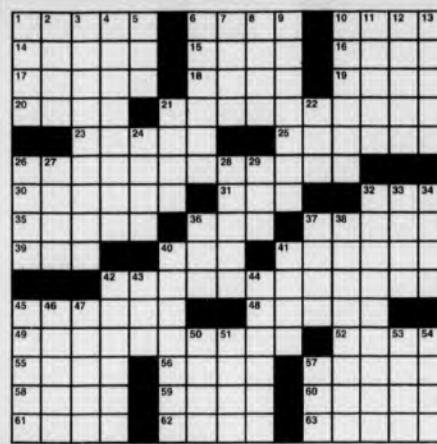
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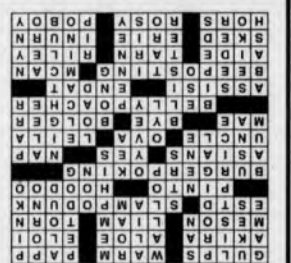
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